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lion, that he is a very generous animal, and that he will never attack a man, unless he be hungry; and hunger, you know, as it is said, will break through stone walls.

I must here, my dears, tell you something concerning a lion, to which I was myself a witness, as well as some thousands besides. I rambled one day into the Tower of London, in order to see the wild beasts there, and among the rest was an old grave lion. Some people of a cruel disposition, had some time before brought a little dog with them, which they conveyed into the lion's den, in order to have the pleasure to see how soon he would be devoured; but the lion disappointed their cruelty, and took no notice of the dog, but even suffered him to pick the bones that were given the lion, after he had done with them. It was pretty enough, to see how the old lion would walk backward and forward in the

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the den, without giving the dog the least interruption.

Yet notwithstanding all this, the horse is certainly more deserving the title of *King of the Beasts*; for he neither injures his fellow-creatures in their persons, nor attempts to invade their properties, nor does he any thing to render himself the object of hatred or contempt. No bad qualities can be justly ascribed to him; and, in fact, he is possessed of all such habits as are amiable and praise-worthy.

Only look at that horse, my dears, for there is no animal whatever so complete, with respect to his form and shape; he has a most grateful spirit, he is liberal in his services, and he is not a voracious eater, though he is as delicate in his eating, as he is noble in his appearance.

Turn your eyes, my dear children, upon any other animals whatever, and  
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